

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MOBILITY AND TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission was called to order by Commissioner Abelson on February 16, 2021, at 6:42 p.m. The meeting was held in a virtual setting, via Zoom. Mayor Mahmud was present.

ROLL CALL: Leonna DeWitt, Public Works Assistant

PRESENT: Commissioner Abelson, Commissioner Dunlap, Commissioner Fisher, Commissioner Hughes, Commissioner Liu and Mayor Mahmud.

COUNCIL LIAISON: Councilmember Jon Primuth

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Shahid Abbas, Public Works Director, Garrett Crawford, Acting Deputy Public Works Director and Leonna DeWitt, Public Works Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Fisher led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Public Comment

D. Shane requested a study be conducted for installation of a 4-way stop at the following intersections: Meridian/Oak, Meridian/Pine and Meridian/Maple.

ACTION ITEMS

2. Minutes of the Regular Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission on January 16, 2021 - Minutes approved as amended. (Hughes, Dunlap; 5-0)

3. Selection of Officers

The established commissioners welcomed the new commissioners Dunlap, and Liu. Brief introductions of all of the commissioners took place prior to the selection of officers.

Commissioner Abelson was nominated as Chair by Commissioner Hughes and seconded by Commissioner Fisher. By roll call vote the motion carried 5-0 for Chair Abelson.

Commissioner Fisher was nominated as Vice Chair by Chair Abelson and seconded by Commissioner Hughes. By roll call vote the motion carried 5-0 for Vice Chair Abelson.

4. Reconstitution of the COVID-19 Ad Hoc Committee

Commissioner Hughes and Chair Abelson provided background information on this item. The Commission approved the reconstitution of the COVID-19 Ad Hoc Committee with Commissioner Liu and Commissioner Dunlap. (Abelson, Hughes; 5-0). One of the issues that the COVID-19 Ad Hoc Committee will investigate is the parklet concept that had been under review in the past.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Ramona Avenue Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan
ADPWD Crawford gave a brief presentation on this item.

Public Comment

Christopher Kramsch expressed concern over the amount of traffic on Ramona Avenue. He commented how often his home access is “blocked” due to the traffic. He is requesting the Commission to develop a plan redirecting the traffic.

Joanne Nuckols expressed concerned for implementing staggered school schedules.

Amber and Patrick Haley expressed concern regarding the entering and exiting at Holy Family School and suggested closing the intersection of Ramona Avenue and Rollin Street. The entrance and exit is at the same location and suggested a different location for exiting vehicles.

Tom Nuckols expressed concern regarding the preferential parking on Ramona Avenue and Oak St. and suggested the City review the preferential parking plan for Pasadena.

Discussion ensued regarding traffic congestion, solutions, concerns with the traffic study, traffic flow and signal timing.

The Commission approved a Ad Hoc Sub-Committee with Chair Abelson and Commissioner Fisher. (Hughes, Abelson; 5-0). The new Ad Hoc Committee will focus on the issues around Ramona Avenue, as well as parking and traffic flow issues.

Mayor Mahmud commented about challenging parking areas in the City, such as near Trader Joe’s, by the Gold Line, Marengo Avenue, Monterey Hills and the area around the YMCA. There will be a need to develop a strategy to address impacted areas with the new developments coming to the City.

COMMISSION LED DISCUSSIONS

6. SR 710 Mobility Improvement Projects Ad Hoc Committee

No update. Commissioner Fisher gave a brief overview of the Inteligent Transportation System project on Fair Oaks Avenue; and the intersection at Fair Oaks Avenue and Arroyo Seco Parkway adding an on-ramp.

Commissioner Fisher requested a table with projects and funding sources.

7. Measure M Projects

PWD Abbas suggested developing and prioritizing a list of projects and agendize it on the March meeting.

Public Comment

Susan Sulsky expressed concern for a three way stop sign at Oak Street and Meridian Avenue, Maple Street and Meridian Avenue.

Mayor Mahmud thanked the existing Commissioners for all of their work and continued service to the community. She also wanted to welcome the new commissioners Liu and Dunlap.

COMMUNICATIONS

8. City Council Liaison Communications

Council Liaison Primuth will report out on the various committees that he is a part of such as SCAG Transporation Advisory Committee and Joint Powers Authority.

9. Commissioner Communications

Commissioner Hughes welcomed the new Commissioners and Council Liaison Primuth.

Commissioner Liu expressed excitement and looking forward to improving transportation in the City.

Commissioner Dunlap thanked the Commission and expressed happiness for being able to participate on the

Commission.

Commissioner Abelson welcomed the new Commissioners and Council Liaison Primuth and wanted to thank staff for the freshly painted red curb and other improvements.

10. Staff Liaison Communications

ADPWD Crawford updated the Commission on the Rogan Funds and Measure R Update.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were adopted by the Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission of the City of South Pasadena at a meeting held on March 16, 2021.

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Larry Abelson

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Larry Abelson, Chair

